

BASEBALL---COMMENTS---BASEBALL---SHOOTING

RUCKER TO RETURN
AS DODGER COACH

Once Famous Pitcher Will Assist Robinson at Training Camp.

MIAMI IS LIKELY CHOICE

Brooklyn Manager Confers With Ebbets—Other Baseball News.

By DANIEL.

Nap Rucker, one time star pitcher for the Brooklyn club, and no doubt the greatest slow ball hurler yet developed, will return to the Dodgers at their training camp, the role of assistant to Wilbert Robinson. Rucker has been doing a bit of scouting for the Dodgers since he left them to retire in his cotton plantation down in Georgia, but he never has done any coaching.

Rucker will be put in charge of the youngsters and will have the assistance of Larry Sutton, the scout. Robinson will devote all his time to the regulars and most of the pitchers. At New Orleans last spring the manager found that he had to give too much of his time to the recruits.

There is a chance that Rucker will come back to the Dodgers in Flatbush as assistant to Robbie, but that matter has not been tackled as yet. Certainly Brooklyn would welcome the great pitcher back with open arms. No hurler ever was more popular across the bridges—and no great pitcher ever worked year after year with a smaller reward in the way of success.

Robbie and Ebbets Talk.

The engagement of Rucker came out yesterday after Robbie and Charley Ebbets had discussed plans for the much predicted reorganization of the Brooklyn forces. The manager came up from his rabbit and quail shooting down in Maryland, went into session with the club president at Ebbets field in the morning, rushed with him to a luncheon of the Rotary Club and then wandered over to Manhattan to pay his respects to C. H. Houston at the offices of the Yankees.

Robbie declared that nothing definite had been done, nor had any real lines been laid for the improvement of the Dodgers through trades. "I will return to this city for the annual meeting of the National League on December 13, and of course there will be a lot of talk about trades, but I don't know what to expect. These meetings produce little more than talk. When it comes to the actual doing of a trade, it is a different matter. Most of the time it is a matter of coming to the minor leagues, which are sending a few high class youngsters to the camp of the Dodgers."

Just where the Brooklyn forces will be sent has not been decided, but it is very much like Miami, where the Reds and the Braves trained in recent years. Last season the Dodgers went to New Orleans, but there has been a break with the club down there, it is reported, to the sale of Outfielder Boone, leading hitter of the Southern League, to the Giants. The Dodgers had understood that Boone was to be sent to them.

If the Dodgers go to Florida it will be no new territory for them, as they trained at Jacksonville and Daytona before going to Louisville, Miami would be the best place for them. For all major league clubs, for that matter, Robbie was inclined to talk more about his dogs and his guns and the shooting down in Georgia than he was about baseball. He reported that owing to the mild weather the duck shooting season in his section was a flat failure. "I announced as he made a dash for the train back to that dear old Baltimore."

Winter League Successful.

Dr. Strube, president of the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast League, and Manager Graham were at the offices of the Yankees again yesterday impressing upon Col. Huston the desirability of sending the New York outfit to Los Angeles to train. Dr. Strube had some interesting dope on the new Winter League on the coast, which is composed of four clubs—San Francisco, Mission, Vernon and Los Angeles.

"We are making a little money in the league, which was organized when we shortened the Coast League season by two months," said Dr. Strube. "Climate conditions at Portland, Seattle and Salt Lake make it impossible to play there in the fall, but in the other cities conditions are splendid. Therefore the Winter League, Harry Heilmann, Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby and George Slaughter are managing the four clubs."

"We made a serious blunder when we decided to split the regular Coast League teams in order to give new faces to each city. We should have kept our clubs intact. Instead we decided that no club was to use more than four players who had been in it in the Coast League. We thought we were adding interest, when as a matter of fact we were killing rivalry. The lesson will come in handy next fall."

"One of the stars of the league is Arnold Stutz, who was with the Giants a couple of years ago. He has changed his batting stance and is hitting left handed with great success. He is leading Slater for the base stealing honors. As Mr. Writley, who owns the Cubs, also owns the Los Angeles club, with which Stutz is playing, the young outfielder may turn up with Chicago. But I doubt if the Angels will let him go before 1922."

Just Here and There.

The Reds will have a strong representation from Texas Christian University of Fort Worth next spring. They already have Donahue, a pitcher, and Douglas, his battery mate. Now they announce the signing of Chet Fowler, shortstop.

Unless we are greatly mistaken Walter Hammond, the infielder who has been purchased by Cleveland from Pittsfield of the Eastern League, played on the College University nine some years ago.

Considerable winter weather we are having! In the Red Bank Register we note an advertisement of a baseball game to be played there on Sunday between Red Bank and Atlantic Highlands. Sporting Stripes, once with the Giants, is down to do the pitching for the visitors.

K. of C. Donates Trophies.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—The Knights of Columbus of California today presented the Pacific Coast League with four permanent trophies to be competed for annually by members of the various teams in the league. The trophies are a silver cup, a silver bat, a silver ball and a silver glove.

THE LISTENING POST

By WALTER TRUMBULL

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THAT ALL AMERICA ELEVEN.

NO man can pretend to pick one of those mythical teams known as an All America eleven from his own observation. As most of the eleven play only once a week, it would take a man a few years to see them all in action. And to pick an All America eleven he should see them all, because many a little team has one star who may be as shining as the best. Therefore, there really is no such animal. But, because it is amusing to make up imaginary teams and because we believe that readers like an opinion, if only for the fun of disagreeing with it, we are selecting a squad that you may call All America if you choose. Most of the thirty-three men we have seen. The others we pick from dope furnished us by men whose opinion we respect. Then, so far as we know, these are the best players for their jobs:

POSITIONS. FIRST ELEVEN. SECOND ELEVEN. THIRD ELEVEN.
End..... Muller, California..... Kiley, Notre Dame..... Swanson, Nebraska Tackle..... Slater, Iowa..... Bixley, Detroit..... Brader, Wisconsin Guard..... Stein, Penn State..... Vick, Michigan..... Wintner, Princeton Center..... Baer, Penn State..... Under, Notre Dame..... Trot, Ohio State Tackle..... McMillan, California..... Shaw, Notre Dame..... Huffman, Ohio State End..... Roberts, Centre..... Stephens, California..... Cretzer, Chicago Quarterback..... Devine, Yale..... Killinger, Penn State..... McMillan, Centre Halfback..... Aldrich, Yale..... Nichols, California..... Barr, N. Georgia Tech Fullback..... Kaw, Cornell..... Williams, Wisconsin..... Mohardt, Notre Dame

There are a couple of men, 50 years of age, who we would be willing to take as guards on any football team. Their names are Heffelfinger and Zyzanski.

Heffelfinger is 53. When he was approaching 50 they always regarded his return to coach at Yale with dread. He was apt to grow a little enthusiastic and fill the hospital with line men who were needed on the field.

THE FORWARD PASS.

Since the forward passing game came in it is astounding to realize the distance that men have learned to throw a football. Holding the two objects in your hand, you naturally would suppose that a player could sling a horsehide twice as far as he could heave a pigskin. But he can't. The record for throwing a baseball was made by Sheldon Lejeune at Cincinnati in 1910. It is 426 feet 9 1/2 inches. Yet such men as Muller and Mohardt are said to be able to throw a football 300 feet. Muller made a pass of seventy yards in a game.

Football has not always been a full game. In the early days Princeton and Harvard played in the spring.

It seems a pity that the Princeton-Rutgers game has been abandoned. These two institutions practically started Rugby in this country.

Yale, Harvard and Princeton schedules will offer some interesting battles next year. There will be a lot of interest in the games between Harvard and Penn State and Centre, Yale and the Army and Iowa, and Princeton and Chicago.

The Yankees' new park could seat about 70,000 at a football game, and if they could get Pittsburgh and Penn State to play there they could fill it to capacity.

And any of the strong Western Conference eleven would be a tremendous drawing card in the East if a suitable opponent could be found for them.

Honus Wagner should have made a great center. His legs were built for it, and he could have passed the ball back with one hand.

OBSERVATIONS.

One way to make money fly is to invest it in carrier pigeons.

An American taxi driver usually takes you for a mark, but in Germany, if you wish to ride anywhere, a driver takes you for a pocket full of marks.

A man who loses his arm is often a hero, but a man who loses his head is usually a zero.

With Devine, Aldrich, Killinger and Thomas in a backfield, the only signal an eleven would need would be "Let's go!"

The binomial theorem.

The bicycle.

The alibi.

FAMOUS BIS.

Setter Eugene M's Kid Wins

All Aged Open Field Stake

Charles C. Buell Is Captain

of Harvard Football Team

Quaterback Is Unanimously

Chosen to Lead 1922 Eleven.

Beats Pointer Comanche Rap

at Georgia Trials.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

WATSON, Ga., Dec. 1.—The setter dog Eugene M's Kid, owned by H. D. Whitaker, of Cincinnati, Ohio, won the all aged open stake of the Georgia field trials for bird dogs which was decided here today. Second place was won by the pointer Comanche Rap, owned by the same owner.

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Eastern Basketball League

Awards Player to New York

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—At a meeting of the Eastern Basketball League here tonight, the Philadelphia team was awarded the championship trophy.

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LAFAYETTE REFUSES
PRO-LEGATIONS

Evidence Is Produced to Disprove Charges Against Certain Football Players.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 1.—Aroused by attacks against several of the Lafayette College football team since the close of the season the college authorities today took measures to disprove the allegations. In a meeting attended by several newspaper men the college was represented by Dr. F. A. March, chairman of the faculty athletic committee; Dr. Albert H. Heckel, dean of the college, and Dr. Leroy Reeves, graduate manager. The college authorities produced records bearing upon the scholarship and amateur standing of every player involved.

Regarding Joe Williams, the star tackle on this year's team, Dean Heckel offered evidence to the effect that Williams was not a professional player. He was a student at Lafayette College for the last three years and had met every scholastic standard required by the college. The evidence involved him from an alleged stand and away from the purpose only of playing football. It also was proved that Williams never attended Fordham or any other college.

The case of Leonard A. Brunner, who played one year of football at Lafayette and Pennsylvania and who was alleged to have flunked out of Pennsylvania and entered Lafayette, was refuted. In reference to his having entered Lafayette as a dropped student, it was shown that he had never signed a contract or played with a baseball club or entered under the rules